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Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-sixth executive session*

Geneva, 27 March 2009

I. Opening of the session

1. The session was opened by Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

II. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. At its plenary meeting, the Board adopted the provisional agenda contained in document TD/B/EX(46)/1. Accordingly, the agenda for the executive session was as follows:

> Election of officers: Election of a new President of the fifty-fifth session of the Board, as well as a new Vice-President from list A (Asia).

III. President's summary

A. Election of officers

3. The outgoing President of the Trade and Development Board informed the Board that, because he was relinquishing his post as Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, he would also be vacating his position as President of the Trade and Development Board.

* The present document is an advance version of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-sixth executive session, held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 27 March 2009. It will appear in final form, together with the reports of the forty-fifth executive session and the fifty-fifth session of the Board, as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/64/15).

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4. Earlier, the extended Bureau had been informed that, in accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, if the President ceased to be a member of the Board, a Vice-President from the same geographical group should take his place. However, the Vice-President elected from the same geographical group as the President (Group A — Asia) had left Geneva since his election as Vice-President.

5. The Bureau had been further informed that the Board could meet in executive session when it was agreed that there were urgent matters that could not be deferred to the regular session.

6. The extended Bureau had agreed that the Asian Group should be requested to nominate a new President and a new Vice-President of the Board to assume office immediately after the incumbent President of the Board vacated his position. The formal election of the President and Vice-President would take place at an executive session of the Trade and Development Board. That session, the agenda for which contained one item, took place on 27 March, immediately after the President's consultations.

Action by the Board

7. At the session, the Board elected Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia) to serve as President of the Trade and Development Board for the remainder of the fifty-fifth session of the Board. It also elected Mr. Jesus Ricardo S. Domingo (Philippines) to serve as Vice-President for the remainder of the session.

B. Statements

8. Statements were made by the representatives of: (a) Thailand, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; (b) the Czech Republic, on behalf of the European Union; (c) Bangladesh, on behalf of the least developed countries; (d) Germany, on behalf of Group B; (e) Brazil, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries; (f) Kyrgyzstan, on behalf of Group D; (g) Côte d'Ivoire, on behalf of the African Group; (h) the United States of America, on behalf of Japan, the United States, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Norway and New Zealand; (i) Sri Lanka, on behalf of the Asian Group; (j) China; (k) Singapore; (l) Israel; (m) Nepal; (n) Zimbabwe; and (o) Lesotho. UNCTAD Secretary-General Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi also made a statement.

Annex

Attendance*

1. Representatives of the following States members attended the session:

Albania
Algeria
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Belarus
Brazil
Bulgaria
Cameroon
China
Côte d'Ivoire
Czech Republic
Ethiopia
Finland
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Haiti
Honduras
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Israel
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Lesotho
Madagascar
Mali
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Nepal
Oman
Paraguay
Philippines
Portugal
Qatar
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Slovakia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
Ukraine
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Yemen
Zimbabwe

2. Representatives of the following States members of UNCTAD that are not members of the Trade and Development Board attended the session:

Holy See
Kyrgyzstan

3. The following observer attended the session:

Palestine

* For the list of participants, see TD/B/EX(46)/Inf.1.

4. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session:

African Union
European Community
League of Arab States

5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented at the session:

General Category

BPW International
Engineers of the World